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Paul Promotes Education Policy at District Schools *Lee County Students Hear About New Legislation*

Surfside, TX - On Thursday, Congressman Ron Paul spent the day with students in Lee County, acting as "government teacher for a day." Paul spoke with students at Giddings High School, as well as a group of home-schoolers in the area, about his education agenda and legislation he has introduced that will give more control over the education dollar to parents. Paul said, "As a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee, I have had the opportunity to consider ways to improve American education. My work in education policy has convinced me the key to education reform lies in giving the American people greater control over the education system by allowing them to devote more of their own resources toward their children's education. That is why I have introduced the 'Family Education Freedom Act' (HR 935). It gives parents the ability to ensure their children receive a top rate education." The "Family Education Freedom Act" would give parents a \$3,000 per year tax credit for each child's education related expenses. It would allow parents the maximum amount of freedom in determining how to educate their children. It would also be free of guidelines and restrictions that only dilute the actual number of dollars spent directly on a child. Paul finished his comments by thanking the parents and teachers for all of their hard work to make sure their children get the best education possible. He lamented that the federal bureaucracy continues to strip away their authority, and he vowed to continue fighting in Congress for parents, teachers, and local school districts. Paul said, "Thirty years of centralized education have produced nothing but failure and frustrated parents. Should bureaucrats control the education dollar, or should parents, whose sole concern is the education of their child? I will stand with the parents. In shrinking the power that politicians and bureaucrats have over education, we are undertaking the most important policy initiatives we can put forward for future generations."

